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ART UNIT 1646

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 19, 2003, reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The claims are reiterated without amendment in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Exhibits A-B, which include copies of scientific references cited in this Amendment and not yet of record in this case, are attached following page 12 of this paper and in an accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

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